



Mobile Scaffold

Some folks can be just plain scary when it comes to getting the job done. Others are more subtle about their method of madness. Take these window installers from Arizona.

I'll admit that driving a big truck up and using it as a platform isn't the most shocking idea I've seen, and I might expect to see such a stunt from a run-of-the-mill do-it-yourselfer, but these guys are professionals. They should know better. Be honest now, are you thinkin' that it doesn't look all that bad? Let's list just three of the hazards these guys face by doing business this way.

First of all, the surface of the van is smooth metal. Great for slipping and it looks like rain. Second, the truck isn't a stable platform. It moves around because of the shocks. Third ... that's a perty hefty gap between the truck and the house. It can't be easy to keep your balance while holding a heavy window, and doin' the splits ain't on my list of ergonomic installation techniques.

Folks, plenty of people die each year after falling from alternative platforms just like this. So the next time you're tempted to improvise, think about the hazards, and the consequences, of not doing it right.

